

REMARKS

Claims 15-19 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-14 have been cancelled. Claims 15-19 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

REJECTIONS UNDER 112

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. The rejection should be withdrawn in view of the amendments above and remarks below.

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection is moot. Further, Claims 15-19 have been added and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Further, the Office Action alleges that, "[i]n Claim 12, it is unclear whether or not monomers F.1 and F.2 can simultaneously be the same "(meth)acryl acid-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl ester"" (Office Action, page 2, section 1, line 15).

F.1 and F.2 can simultaneously be the same "(meth)acryl acid-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl ester." Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 USC 112 is requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 102

1. Claims 1-4, 9-12 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Gallucci et al. The rejection should be withdrawn in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled. Claim 15-19 have been added.

Claim 15 has been amended to include subject matter from cancelled Claim 1 and to include "consisting essentially of." Further, component B includes subject matter from cancelled Claim 8, and component C includes subject matter from cancelled Claim 9. Further, component E includes matter from cancelled claim 11. Component E and F are supported in the Specification as filed on page 13, line 21 and page 15, line 2, respectively. Claims 16-19 depend from Claim 15, which as discussed is believed to overcome the cited art. Accordingly, Claims 15-19 are believed to be allowable.

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REJECTIONS UNDER 103

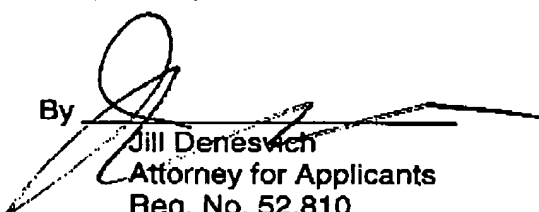
1. Claims 5-8 and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view by Gallucci et al. The rejection should be withdrawn in view of the amendments above and remarks below.

As discussed above, Claims 1-14 have been cancelled and new Claims 15-19 have been added. Claims 15-19 are believed to overcome the cited art. Accordingly, reconsideration is requested.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and the Examiner would be justified in allowing them.

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